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IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A motion reduction apparatus for a floating body floating on water, said motion reduction apparatus comprising a plumb plate which is provided on at least a substantially vertical side surface of a floating main body, is separated from the floating main body by a specific distance, extends substantially parallel to the substantially vertical side surface of the main body in a vertical plane with respect to the floating main body in an upright orientation, and extends below a lowermost bottom surface of the floating main body.

2. (Previously Presented) A motion reduction apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the plumb plate is supported at a specific location of the floating main body by a plurality of stay members arranged on the floating main body so as to provide flow sections that are surrounded by the floating main body, the plumb plate, and the stay members.

3. (Previously Presented) A motion reduction apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the floating main body is orthorhombic-shaped, and the plumb plate is provided on at least a wavefront side section along a longitudinal direction of the floating main body.

4. (Previously Presented) A motion reduction apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the plumb plate is constructed so as to swing with respect to the floating main body.

5.-11. (Canceled).

12. (Currently Amended) A motion reduction apparatus for a floating body floating on water, said motion reduction apparatus comprising a plate member provided on a substantially vertical side surface of a floating main body, wherein the plate member has an edge section closest to the floating main body that is separated from the floating main body by a predetermined specific distance, and an upper edge of the plate member is oriented at substantially a same level as a lowermost bottom surface of the floating main body, and the upper edge of the plate member is provided so as to be substantially parallel to the lowermost bottom surface of the floating main body via the predetermined distance.

13. (Withdrawn) A motion reduction apparatus according to claim 12, wherein the plate member is disposed so as to be inclined at an angle with respect to a bottom surface of the floating main body.

14. (Previously Presented) A motion reduction apparatus according to claim 12, wherein the plate member is supported at a specific location of the floating main body by a plurality of stay members arranged on the floating main body so as to provide flow sections that are surrounded by the floating main body, the plate member, and the stay members.

15. (Previously Presented) A motion reduction apparatus according to claim 12, wherein the floating main body is orthorhombic-shaped, and the plate member is provided along a longitudinal direction at least on either a left side section or a right side section of the floating main body.

16. (Previously Presented) A motion reduction apparatus according to claim 12, wherein the plate member is constructed so as to swing with respect to the floating main body.

17. (Withdrawn) A motion reduction apparatus according to claim 12, wherein the plate member is supported vertically by hinging means.

18. (Withdrawn) A motion reduction apparatus according to claim 17, wherein the plate member is supported on the hinging means arranged on the floating main body in parallel, and flow sections are provided in the hinging means for flooding with incoming water.

19. (Canceled).

20. (Canceled).

21. (Withdrawn) A motion reduction apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the plumb plate is subdivided by gaps formed substantially at right angles to a direction extending from the plumb plate.

22. (Canceled).

23. (Withdrawn) A motion reduction apparatus according to claim 12, wherein the

plate member is subdivided by gaps formed substantially at right angles to a direction extending from the plate member.

24.-26. (Canceled).

27. (Previously Presented) A motion reduction apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said plumb plate has a same longitudinal dimension as that of said floating main body.

28. (Previously Presented) A motion reduction apparatus according to claim 12, wherein said plate member has a same longitudinal dimension as that of said floating main body.

29. (Previously Presented) A motion reduction apparatus according to claim 1, wherein a length of the plumb plate in a longitudinal direction is substantially the same longitudinal length as the floating main body.

30. (Previously Presented) A motion reduction apparatus according to claim 12, wherein a length of the plumb plate in a longitudinal direction is substantially the same longitudinal length as the floating main body.

31. (Previously Presented) A floating body comprising a floating main body and a motion reduction apparatus according to any one of claims 1-4, 12-18, 21, 23, or 27-30.